instalments of Central share of CRF for the year 2000-2001. The quantum of assistance from the CRF for the year 2000-2001 is about one and a half times that of the previous year.

Rehabilitation of Coastal Farmers of Orissa

489. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problem of the farmers in the coastal Orissa;

(b) whether all the cyclone affected farmers have been suitably rehabilitated; and

(c) what other problems of the cyclone affected farmers have been resolved by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) During 1999-2000, the Central Government released an amount of Rs. 828.15 crore from National Fund for Calamity Relief in the wake of floods and cyclones, in addition to Central share of Calamity Relief Fund amounting to Rs. 42.50 crore to mitigate the hardships of cyclone affected people including farmers. Instructions were issued for resheduling of loans and adequate credit facilities. The agricultural activity was revived during the Rabi season. As a result, the foodgrain production was up by 65% as compared to previous Rabi season. The ground level relief and rehabilitation measures are required to be undertaken by the State Administration.

Financial Assistance to Drought Hit States

490. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided financial assistance to drought hit States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether different criterion have been applied on different States for providing package;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to monitor the distribution of amount among the grassroots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of financial assistance from Calamity Relief Fund and National Fund for Calamity Relief are indicated in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The ground level distribution of relief is the responsibility of the State Government in accordance with the scheme and the guidelines provided for the purpose.

Statement

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No.	State	C.R.F. 1999-2000 Central	C.R.F. 2000-01 Share	N.F.C.R. 1999-2000	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	107.69	77.78	75.36	260.83
2.	Gujarat	121.05	131.14	54.58	306.77
3.	Himachal Pradesh	23.37	8.44	—	31.81
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	17.09	6.17	73.42	96.68
5.	Karnataka	36.29	13.11	17.09*	66.49
6.	Madhya Pradesh	44.29	31.98	38.86*	115.13
7.	Manipur	1.61@	1.56	4.93	8.10
8.	Mizoram	1.10	0.80	6.00	7.90
9.	Rajasthan	155.25	168.18	102.93	426.36

S. No.	State	C.R.F. 1999-2000 Central	C.R.F. 2000-01 Share	N.F.C.R. 1999-2000	Total
10.	Tripura	3.90	1.41	5.34	10.65
11.	West Bengal	14.50	32.13	—	76.63
	TOTAL:	556.14	472.70	378.51	1407.35

*Assistance for drought & floods.
@4th quarterly instalment for 1999-2000 not released for want of clarification/ information from the State Government.

Model Co-operative Bill

491. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will introduce the Model-Cooperative Bill to remove restrictive provisions on various Central and State Co-operative laws; and

(b) the other steps-proposed for ensuring autonomous and democratic functioning of the Cooperatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) A Bill replacing the existing Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 1984 would be introduced in the Parliament, soon after procedural requirements are completed. However,"Cooperative Societies" is a State subject and State Cooperative Societies Acts are within the Legislative and Administrative jurisdiction and domain of the States. Therefore, to amend the State Cooperative Laws, the respective State Governments will have to take action.

(b) It is proposed to formulate a National Policy on Cooperatives in order to ensure their working as autonomous, self-reliant and democratically managed institutions responsible to their members.